year is expected to be higher than the estimated production of 69 lakh tonnes in the current sugar year 1985-86.

(b) In view of the position above, question does not arise.

Ban of setting up of new sugar factories in Uttar Pradesh

978. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre is considering a proposal to ban the granting of licences to set up new sugar factories in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Sugar production during 1985-86

979. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what would be the estimated domestic production of sugar by September, 1986;

(b) what is the estimated demand of sugar during the same period;

(c) whether there is likely to be any gap between the demand and supply of sugar during 1985-86; and

(d) if so, what steps Government contemplate to tackle the deficits in production of sugar during 1985-86?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The estimated domestic production of sugar during the current 1985-86 season (October—September) may be around 69 lakh tonnes.

(b) The estimated internal requirement of sugar is 85 lakh tonnes.

(c) and (d) The present overall sugar availability in the country including the imported sugar stocks are adequate to meet the requirement of internal consumption in the current sugar year 1985-86.

Loss of production in Central Projects in Bihar

980. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Central Government projects have suffered production loss in Bihar due to power shortage and other related problems; and

(b) if so, what advice has been given to the State Governments by the Central Government to remove the impediments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rational allocation of limited power to important users is being regularly monitored and decided at various levels like Ministry of Programme Implementation, Committee of Secretaries, Cabinet Committee on infrastructures, etc. Urgent attention is also being given to setting up of Captive Power Plants in the States. For improving the operational efficiency the State Government have been advised to improve its overall Plant Load Factor (PLF), reduce its transmission and distribution losses and to make all efforts to adhere to the revised Commissioning schedule (March 1989) for Tenughat TPs (2x210 MW).